SETTLED START TO THE SCHOOL YEAR
Our great school community has had an extremely settled start to the school year throughout Primary and Secondary. All students in classes have been working hard and diligently. Thank you to the staff of Molong Central School for working hard at the end of last year to make sure the entire organisation regarding timetables, RFF and students class allocations was in place for Day 1 this year. Kindergarten classes have started well with Secondary students assisting Mrs Monk, Mrs Thornhill and Mrs Sullivan in the Kindergarten classrooms as part of Kindergarten Assistance Program. Thanks to Mr Tony Taylor, our Career Advisor, for coordinating this program, with the Primary teachers. 48 senior students expressed a genuine interest in childcare as a future career and are participating in the program.

Makayla Wright Yr 11 pictured here with Dakota O’Keefe

Hannah Middleton Yr 11 pictured here with Jessica Ball & Mia Martin

STUDENT ASSISTANCE SCHEME
The school holds some money through the Student Assistance Scheme to assist parents who are experiencing financial difficulties with the cost of excursions and performances. Parents can approach Mrs Glasson for financial assistance by making an appointment through the Main Office.

NEW FACES ON STAFF
I take great pleasure in welcoming three new staff members to Molong Central School. Mrs Audrey Brown has had vast experience as a Relieving Assistant Principal at Orange Public School and has taught at Orange Public for some years. Mrs Brown was selected, through merit, to the Assistant Principal’s position replacing Jenny Walton. Welcome Audrey. Joining the Secondary Science/Ag faculty are two new teachers replacing Ms Libby Lee and Ms Helen Colman, Ms Renee Lidgard and Mr David Blowes. They both have qualifications in Agriculture and Science and in Mr Blowes case VET Primary Industries. David comes from Yeoval Central School where he taught for many years and lives in Molong. Renee has settled in Molong and comes from Sydney.

Mr David Blowes, Ms Renee Lidgard & Mrs Audrey Brown
At the end of last term, we were not able to select an appropriate Head Teacher of Mathematics and this position, once again, will go to advertisement this term. I would like to thank Mr Mark Paterson for stepping up into the role of Head Teacher Maths/PD/H/PE this term. Once again thank you to Mr Geoff Pokoney for making himself available, for this term, to teach mathematics.

CAPBONNE AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
Congratulations to Emily Peffer, David Antioch and Lachlan Campbell for being selected as the Molong, Cudal and Manildra Youth of the Year for 2014 (respectively), Whilst Lachlan has commenced his HSC studies as a Year 11 student at MCS, Emily has accepted a position at the University of Western Sydney to study for a career as an Occupational Therapist. David has been offered a place at The University of Wollongong, studying Performance. David gained this (hard to be selected) placement through interview and application, as well as obtaining the necessary ATAR marks. Well done to all these students on gaining these prestigious Australia Day Awards.

Emily Peffer David Antioch Lachlan Campbell

Mrs Janis Glasson, Principal

**P&C NEWS**
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th February at 7.30pm in the Library. This most successful P&C Committee is a much valued feature of Molong Central School and I encourage all parents and caregivers to attend.

WOULD YOU LIKE THE NEWSLETTER EMAILED TO YOU?
If any parent would like a newsletter emailed to them, then please fill in the appropriate form attached to this newsletter and return it by email/fax or hand it into the Main Office to Karen Hobbs, our Community Liaison Officer.

GENERAL PERMISSION TO PUBLISH AND DISCLOSE INFORMATION
- ATTENTION PARENTS
Please view the letter, handed out with this newsletter and return the attached Permission to Publish section to the Main Office- attention Karen Hobbs
Thank you!
AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT - MCS

For the last few years now, Helen Colman has been putting aside funds to purchase a seeding machine to be used in conjunction with the Ag plot tractor. Sales of sheep, wool, ducks, poultry and other produce went into this fund. The fund also received a real boost when Graham Hobbs and family of ‘Waroona’ Murray Grey Stud donated the proceeds from the sale of a donated steer. The Ag plot has had no efficient way of sowing crops or pasture and at times this has been a real disappointment as germination rates and paddock coverage has been poor. The main obstacle we had to acquiring the correct machine was cost and availability. We needed a very small unit and these were hard to come by and very costly. Helen’s vision to acquire a small seeding machine came to fruition at the end of last year with a visit by Andrew Owen to Davimac. When presented with a description of what we wanted, Mr Shannon McNab of Davimac said that they would be happy to build Molong Central School a machine to meet our needs at a very reasonable cost. With a few more sheep sales we were able to come up with the funds required and recently took ownership of a brand new seeding machine of excellent quality. Molong Central School would like to thank Davimac for their generosity and support. We are extremely fortunate to have acquired a machine of such quality at such a discounted rate. Thank you again to Davimac. We would also like to thank Mr Wade Smith of Agrowplow for his part in the supply of the machine and his offer of ongoing support in its use.

Pictured above with the new seeder is Helen Colman, Doug Watson, Graham Hobbs & Wade Smith

ASSESSMENT TASK DATES

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WELCOME TO OUR YEAR 7 STUDENTS

This week saw the start of Year 7 for 40 students. Under the care of Miss Brown, the week ran smoothly as these new students found their way around the school, including the playground. The constant changing of subjects will take some getting used to, but for most, the broader curriculum, and greater variety of teachers will help them enjoy their school life at Molong Central School. Some comments from students after their first week.

“The good thing is that everyone is nice” – Molly Hoswell
“I really enjoyed all my subjects and classmates” – Aaliyah Wright
“I liked Music as we had the opportunity to use the drums” – Abbie Glynn
“I liked PE because I am a sporty person and you get to choose your sport” – Jake Amberge
“I liked doing Science because I like the cool experiments” – Harry Richardson
“I liked Science because you get to use the Bunsen Burners” – Jack Gavin
“I liked Maths, because it is a lot harder than Primary” – Tim Chloupek
“I got my first Merit Voucher in Metalwork from Mr Culverson, on my first day. I have enjoyed making new friends from other schools” – Amber Williamson
“I have enjoyed using tools that we wouldn’t get to use at home” – Addison Williamson

Pictured above with the new seeder is Helen Colman, Doug Watson, Graham Hobbs & Wade Smith
Welcome Back!
Welcome back to our wonderful school and welcome to all of our new and Kinder families. I hope everyone had a well-earned break and are ready for a jam packed 2014!
A special welcome to two new staff members for 2014. *Miss Abbi Pratten* will be teaching 2 Topaz on Monday through to Thursday with Mrs Karen Honeyman teaching them on Friday.
*Mrs Audrey Brown* is our new Assistant Principal who was appointed on the last day of last term. Mrs Brown will be teaching 1 Quartz.
This year we will be having GATS groups for selected Stage 2 and 3 students. Semester 1 will focus on Maths and Semester 2 will focus on English. These workshops will occur on Tuesday mornings and will be led by Mrs Eccelstone. Very exciting!

Kinder begins!
Last Friday 46 new Kinders began their first year of schooling at Molong Central School. All were eager to begin and many informed me that they had to come to school every day very seriously!
The day began with a meet and greet with the students receiving their new hats, nametags and a special gift for Mum and Dad. They then did some activities to get to know each other. They read the story the Rainbow Fish and then made one of their own.
The Kinders were also taught the class rules as well as participating in some more fun activities. In the afternoon they played some games for sport inside as it was extremely hot outside.
We saw hardly any tears from our little people but there were some from our Mums and Dads. I have included a few photos of what our little ones were doing throughout their first day.

Home Reading
Our Home Reading Program “CLUB 200” will officially commence on Monday 17th February (Week 4) and full details will be included in next week’s newsletter. Home reader books are provided in all classes so each student can begin borrowing books, to match their current reading level, on a regular basis.

Parent Helpers
All classes are looking for parent helpers for our Literacy and Maths groups. Stage 2 and 3 will be doing Maths groups Period 1 and in particular Year 3 are looking for parents to help as it is a particularly big group. Stage 1 will be doing literacy in the first session and will be looking for helpers with L3 and reading groups. If you are able to help please contact your classroom teacher or myself and let us know when you are available. Your help is very much appreciated and valued.

Scripture
Scripture will begin in Week 3. If you do not wish your child to participate please indicate in writing to myself that this is the case. If your child does not participate they will attend activities in the library.

Thursday Assemblies
Thursday assemblies will commence in Week 3. These are held in the School Hall and commence at 2.10pm. All students from K-6 attend and parents are also invited to come along. Every second week there will be an item from a class in Semester One. School awards are also handed out.

Active After School
Active After School in Term 1 will start up again in Week 4. Any enquiries please see Mrs Melissa Quinn.

Have a wonderful week and 2014!!
Jane Backhouse
Deputy Principal - Primary
HELP IS DESPERATELY NEEDED ON THIS ROSTER. Please give one morning per month to the Canteen—that is all it takes. Ring the Canteen on 6366 9009 from 8.30am-1.45pm. If you can’t work on your day just call Tina.

Thank you, Tina McGovern, Canteen Manager.

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**Cabonne’s 2014 Australia Day Youth Ambassador**

Becky Thornberry, a Canowindra High School Year 9 student, was recently selected from a field of outstanding young people across the Cabonne Shire to be the 2014 Youth Ambassador, which saw her travel with the other official Ambassadors, Bruce Venables and Judy Nunn, to Australia Day celebrations at Canowindra, Cargo, and Mullion Creek.

Also the winner of the September 2013 Cabonne Council Youth of the Month award, Becky strives to excel in everything she does whether it is in the community, at school, or on the sporting field.

Undoubtedly one of her most exceptional accomplishments was being one of only 30 students selected to participate in the Rotary Club Youth Crops, Agronomy Grain and Seed Camp in 2013, where she received an award recognising her as the best female student attending. The camp has invited her to return in 2014, this time as a student leader.

Alongside her scholastic and sporting excellence, Becky also volunteers at the school canteen, Canowindra community garden, Debutante Ball, little athletics, and often assists her grandmother with fundraising activities for the CWA.

Becky is a deserving recipient of this honour, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

**Cabonne’s 2014 Young Citizens of the Year**

Each year, one young person from every township in the Cabonne Shire are awarded the honour of Young Citizen of the Year. The nominees have all contributed to their communities through scholarly or sporting excellence and volunteer work, making them exemplary role models.

For 2014, the deserving winners are:

- Taniel Thornberry of Canowindra
- Taihau Ah Mat of Cargo
- David Antioch of Cudal
- Johanna Watt of Cumnook
- Jacob Townsend of Eungowra
- Lachlan Campbell of Manildra
- Emily Peffer of Molong,
- Sophie Brisbane of Mullion Creek
- Grant Isles of Yeoval.
**GOODBYE HOLIDAYS, HELLO SCHOOL**

School’s back, but the holidays don’t have to end! The townships within the Cabonne Shire all have plenty to offer, so make the most of your weekends and go exploring! Even your own town is bound to have hidden wonders, so put on your walking shoes or jump on a bike and venture where you haven’t been before. Why not take some family and friends along and check out some of the following? But remember — be sun safe!

Visit **Eugowra** and try your luck fishing in the Lachlan River, or check out “The Most Wanted Murals” decorating many of the historic buildings. If you head out of town, it’s not far to **Eskorte Rock** and **Nangar National Park**.

Head to **Canowindra** and beat the heat at the newly renovated pool. With great hot food available you could stay all day, or pay a visit to the Age of Fishes museum and check out some fossils.

Pack a picnic and explore the **Borenore Caves Reserve**. Take a torch into the ancient limestone caves before heading to the grassy, shaded picnic area for a relaxing lunch.

Take off from **Molong** and venture to **Cumnock, Yeoval**, and even on to **Dubbo** to see the creative and amusing ‘Animals on Bikes’. It’s a sight to behold!

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**WHAT’S ON IN CABONNE**

The **Gnool Blas Classic Car Show** is on again at Orange’s Jack Brabham Park on **February 8th** and 9th. With billycart races, rock bands, and plenty of classic cars, it will be a great event for everyone!

**Flix in the Stix** is back on **February 22nd** at the Orange Botanic Gardens. This year features the comedic styling of the **Axis of Awesome** and the music of **Eskimo Joe**! Head to www.flixinthestix.com.au for more information and to book your tickets.

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**YOUTH SERVICES**

**Orange PCYC**
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Orange NSW 2800
orange@pcycnsw.org.au
02 6360 2249

**Orange & District Youth Refuge**
PO Box 1405
Orange NSW 2800
emerge1406@bigpond.com
02 6361 8088

**Orange Youth Accommodation Support Service**
263 Anson Street
Orange NSW 2800
02 6361 8331

**Kids Help Line** 1800 551 800

**Central West Lifeline** 13 11 14

**www.headspace.org.au**

**www.reachout.com.au**
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I am seeking your permission to allow the school/Department of Education and Communities to publish and/or disclose information about your child for the purposes of sharing his/her experiences with other students, informing the school and broader community about school and student activities and recording student participation in noteworthy projects or community service.

This information may include your child’s name, age, class and information collected at school such as photographs, sound and visual recordings of your child, your child’s work and expressions of opinion such as in interactive media.

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• Department of Education and Communities publications including the school newsletter, annual school magazine and school report, promotional material published in print and electronically including on the Department’s websites
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Please complete the permission slip and return to the school by 19th February 2014.

Yours sincerely
Mrs Janis Glasson
Principal
Molong Central School

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I have read this permission to publish and:

Tick the appropriate box
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Dear Parent/Carer,

In order to save paper we are giving parents the option to dispense with receiving a hard copy of the school newsletter and instead accessing it online (www.molong-c.school.nsw.edu.au) or going on an email list and the newsletter will be sent to you electronically. Please fill out the form below and send/email/fax back to Karen Hobbs as soon as possible. Thank you.

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